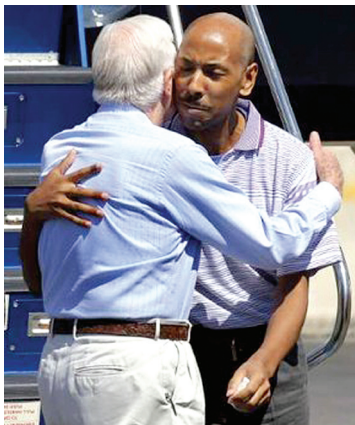




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Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter hugs Aijalon Mahli Gomes after disembarking a private plane in Boston, Massachusetts, August 27, 2010. The U.S. State Department on Friday welcomed the release of an American who had been imprisoned in North Korea and thanked former President Carter for bringing him home

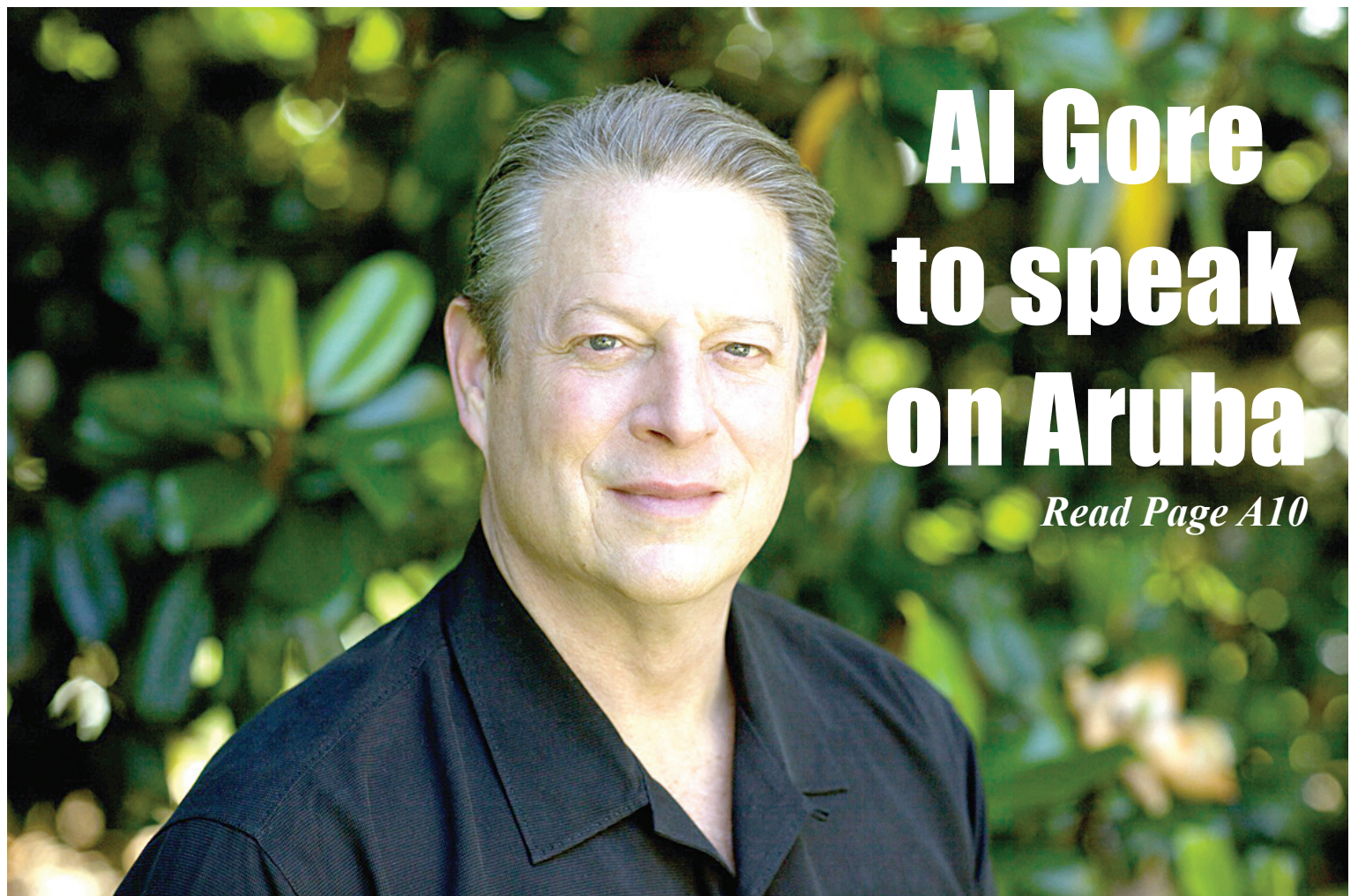
## American imprisoned in N. Korea returns to Boston

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS**, Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — An American held captive for seven months in North Korea stepped off a plane in his hometown Friday, looking thin but joyful as he hugged the former president who had helped win his release and family and friends surrounded him in a group embrace.

Aijalon Gomes was accompanied by former President Jimmy Carter, who had flown to Pyongyang to negotiate his freedom. Gomes, who had been teaching English in South Korea, was imprisoned and sentenced to eight years' hard labor for crossing into the North from China on Jan. 25 for unknown reasons.

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## New video gives tour of trapped miners' refuge

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COPIAPO, Chile (AP) — The first video released of the 33 men trapped deep in a Chilean copper mine shows the men stripped to the waist and appearing slim but healthy, arm-in-arm, singing the national anthem and yelling "long live Chile, and long live the miners!"

Only about five minutes of what is reportedly a 45-minute video was released late Thursday by Television Nacional de Chile via the Chilean government.

The men made the video with a small camera sent down to them through a small emergency shaft drilled to their emergency shelter deep in the San Jose mine.

The grainy, night-vision images show some men standing, others lying down and apparently just waking up. One man proudly displays the way they have organized the living room-sized shelter where they took refuge after a landslide trapped them Aug. 5.

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An image made from a video released by Television Nacional de Chile via the Chilean government Thursday Aug. 26, 2010, shows the trapped miners in their underground chamber.

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Former President Jimmy Carter waves to onlookers after arriving at Logan International Airport with Aijalon Gomes, right, in Boston, Aug. 27, 2010. Carter flew to the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, this week on a private mission to secure a pardon for the 31-year-old American who was detained in January after crossing into the country from China

#### CARTER - GOMES

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North Korea's state-run news agency reported last month that Gomes had attempted suicide, leading his family to ask for his release on

(AP Photo/Winslow Townson)

humanitarian grounds. North Korea said this week it would release Gomes to Carter if the former president came to get him.

Gomes hugged Carter and then his mother before his

loved ones encircled him, praying and waving their hands skyward while two people held a banner behind them that read: "Welcome home. Salvation is ours."

In a statement released earlier Friday, the family thanked Carter and said it felt blessed to welcome Gomes home after what it called "a long, dark and difficult period." "I'm just joyful and grateful that my son is home, and thank President Jimmy Carter for making sure that he was home safely," Gomes' mother, Jacqueline McCarthy, said as she left her home for the airport. "I thank God, I thank God, for everything everyone has done for us."

The family also thanked the North Korean government "for caring for Aijalon during his darkest days, then agreeing to release him on humanitarian grounds."

The statement requested privacy so Gomes could recover from the ordeal,

saying that although he was returning home, "the journey towards healing really just begins today." The family passed by media microphones at the airport without commenting.

In Washington, the State Department welcomed the news of Gomes' release, saying officials are "relieved that he will soon be safely reunited with his family," spokesman P.J. Crowley said.

Aijalon Gomes grew up the inner-city Boston neighborhood of Mattapan, then headed to college at Bowdoin in Maine before going to South Korea to teach several years after graduating.

Gomes was the fourth American in a year arrested for trespassing in North Korea, which fought the U.S. during the 1950-53 Korean War and does not have diplomatic relations with Washington.

North Korean leader Kim

Jong Il granted Carter's request to "leniently forgive" Gomes, the state news agency reported Friday.

Journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee were arrested last March and released only after former President Bill Clinton made a similar trip to Pyongyang to plead for their freedom.

It was unclear what prompted Gomes to enter the repressive nation.

He may have been emulating fellow Christian Robert Park, who was detained after he crossed into North Korea in December to highlight its human rights record, said Jo Sung-rae, a South Korean human rights advocate who met with Gomes. Park was expelled some 40 days later after issuing an apology carried by North Korean state media.

Gomes attended rallies in Seoul in January calling for Park's release and was arrested in North Korea just two weeks later. □



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# Engineers to remove temporary cap from Gulf well

By **HARRY R. WEBER,**  
**Associated Press Writer**

**NEWORLEANS**—The federal government said engineers will start work Monday to remove the temporary cap that stopped oil from gushing out of BP's blown-out Gulf well so that crews can raise a key piece of equipment from the seabed.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man for the spill response, told reporters Friday that engineers must remove the cap so they can raise the failed blowout preventer. The blowout preventer is considered a key piece of evidence in determining what caused the April rig explosion that unleashed the gushing oil.

The leak was first contained when engineers were able to place a cap atop BP's well. Workers then pumped mud and cement in through the top in a so-called "static kill" operation that significantly reduced pressure inside the well. Officials don't expect oil to leak into the sea again when the cap is removed, but Allen has ordered BP to be ready to collect any leaking crude just in case.

The Department of Justice and other federal investigators are overseeing the work to remove

the blowout preventer, Allen said. The 50-foot, 600,000-pound device — which was designed to prevent such a catastrophe — will be taken out of the water with the well pipe still inside to ensure the pipe doesn't break apart any more than it already has.

Keeping the blowout preventer intact is important because it's considered an essential piece of evidence in determining what caused the blast aboard the Deepwater Horizon on April 20. After the explosion, 206 million gallons of oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico until the temporary cap stopped the flow. The explosion on the rig — which was owned by Transocean Ltd. and being operated by BP PLC — killed 11 workers.

Engineers are hoping the blowout preventer can be detached easily, but they are prepared to exert 80,000 pounds of pressure if needed, Allen said.

A new blowout preventer will be placed atop the well once the one that failed is raised. After that, the goal is to drill the final 50 feet of a relief well beginning Sept. 7, Allen said. From there, it will take about four days for drilling crews to reach their target.

The relief well has been

called the ultimate solution to plugging the well. Once the relief well is drilled, engineers will be able to pump mud and cement in through the bottom of the well, plugging the one that gushed oil once and for all.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government said Friday that it is reopening more federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico for commercial and recreational fishing that had been closed because of the spill. The government is reopening 4,281 square miles of waters off the coast of western Louisiana.

Oil sheen has not been seen there since July 29, and scientists found no oil or dispersants on samples of the area's shrimp and finfish.

Twenty percent of federal waters in the Gulf remain closed.

"We're sort of nibbling at the edges if you will, areas that have been free of oil for the longest time and were oiled the least," Lubchenco said.

The news came as hearings continued in Houston before the joint U.S. Coast Guard-Bureau of Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement investigative panel. On Friday, Mark Hafle — a BP drilling engineer who



**Vessels work at the site of the Deepwater Horizon accident as viewed from inside a Coast Guard flight over the site August 10, off the shore of Louisiana. Efforts this weekend to salvage BP's blowout preventer could bring to the surface a key piece of evidence in the inquiry into the largest maritime oil spill in history.**

was a key decision maker at the now-sunken rig — exercised his constitutional right to refuse to testify.

The panel's goal is to

determine what caused the explosion. The panel also will make recommendations to prevent such a catastrophe in the future. □



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## Obama to commemorate Katrina on 5th anniversary



**FILE -** In this May 28, 2010 file photo, President Barack Obama, accompanied by Plaquemines Parish Billy Nungesser, center, and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, gets a briefing on the oil spill at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Grand Isle, La. For months, the U.S. government talked with a boot-on-the-neck toughness about BP, with the president wondering aloud about whose butt to kick. But privately, it worked hand-in-hand with the oil giant to cap the runaway Gulf well and chose to effectively be the company's banker — allowing future drilling revenues to potentially be used as collateral for a victim compensation fund. Now, with a new round of investigative hearings set to begin Monday on BP's home turf and the disaster largely off the front pages, there's worry BP PLC could get a slap on the wrist from its behind-the-scenes partner.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

**By ERICA WERNER,**  
Associated Press Writer  
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass. — President Barack Obama will use the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina to reaffirm his commitment to the Gulf Coast amid lingering questions over his administration's response to the BP oil spill. Obama ends his Martha's Vineyard vacation Sunday and heads to New Orleans,

five years to the day from when Hurricane Katrina raged ashore, busting through crumbling levees and flooding 80 percent of the city, killing more than 1,600 people. Then-President George W. Bush's was harshly criticized in many quarters for not responding aggressively enough to the disaster. The unfinished business of helping make New

Orleans whole is Obama's responsibility now. On Sunday, he will have the delicate task of commemorating the ravaging storm while reassuring residents who may still believe the government has failed them — both when it comes to Katrina and to the BP spill.

"He inherited a legacy problem with New Orleans rebuilding just like so many incredible challenges with the economy," said Beth Galante, director of the New Orleans office of Global Green USA, a sustainable building initiative active in the city since the hurricane struck.

"It does really put the burden on him to acknowledge the failures and make sure there's a serious and ongoing federal commitment to righting those problems."

Obama will speak at Xavier University, a historically black, Catholic university that was badly flooded by the storm. Deputy Press Secretary Bill Burton said Obama would commemorate the lives lost in the flooding, celebrate progress made in recovering, and "recommit the nation to the Gulf region and to all those still working to rebuild lives and communities."

Obama will also discuss the BP spill, which spewed more than 200 million gallons of

crude into the Gulf for three months, dealing a fresh blow to New Orleans' tourism- and oil industry-dependent economy. The blown-out well was finally capped in mid-July.

The one-day visit comes at a sensitive time for the president, as he tries to set a fall agenda heading into crucial midterm elections.

He's also preparing for an Oval Office address Tuesday on ending combat missions in Iraq that presents a challenge similar to the one awaiting him in New Orleans. He'll be paying homage to the troops for an action started by Bush that he has now taken over, amid public concerns he is botching the follow-on action in Afghanistan.

New Orleans residents are welcoming Obama's decision to highlight the Katrina anniversary with a presidential visit. But many are also angry over jobs lost from the deep water oil drilling moratorium he ordered in the wake of the oil spill, and looking for more federal action to save precious wetlands that were eroding fast even before BP's well blew. They will be listening for specifics.

"What the city of New Orleans doesn't need is a booster talk," said historian Douglas Brinkley, who lived

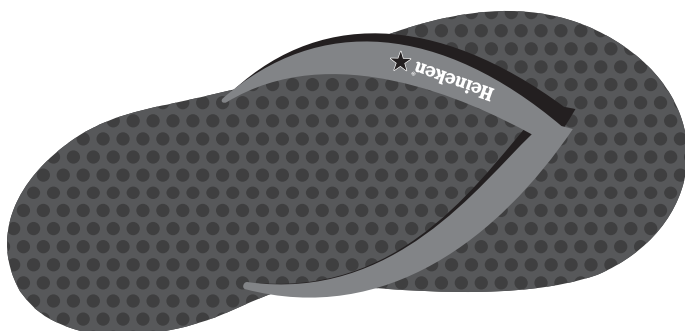
there during Katrina. "We had George W. Bush come to Jackson Square and make all these promises that are unfulfilled. So I think it'd go far if he would fill in what is the plan."

Burton said Obama was not expected to announce an early end to the drilling moratorium in Sunday's speech, or make any new policy announcements.

It will be Obama's 10th trip to the Gulf since taking office. Six of those visits came after BP's leased oil rig exploded April 20, killing 11 workers and starting the oil leak that was finally stopped last month.

His administration's response to the spill was at times faulted as too slow, prone to unrealistically rosy predictions and overly deferential to BP. But it rarely drew the level of criticism aimed at the Bush administration after Hurricane Katrina. Bush seemed at times unaware of events as poorly built federal levees broke in New Orleans, nearly wiping out coastal parishes and stranding residents on rooftops.

Five years later, New Orleans' progress is mixed. Add in the recession to Katrina and the Gulf spill, and the city suffered a triple whammy. □



# Homes evacuated overnight near Montana wildfire

HELENA, Mont.—Authorities in western Montana roused people from their beds early Friday to flee an approaching wildfire, as thunderstorms sparked dozens more in blazes across the West in Idaho and Nevada.

Cooler temperatures and calmer winds helped firefighters control wildfires that flared up Thursday across eastern Washington in hot, gusty winds.

But in Montana, a cold front brought lightning and sparked eight fires on forest service and private land.

Ravalli County authorities began knocking on doors at 3 a.m. Friday, warning residents about three miles west of Hamilton that a fire in the Bitterroot National Forest was threatening their homes.

The Downing Mountain fire was reported at 8 p.m. Thursday and grew to 300 acres by Friday morning.

About 70 homes in the Blodgett and Canyon Creek areas have been evacuated and fire officials said residents of another 100 homes were warned they may have to leave.

“This is not an easy process for residents to be told at 3 a.m. that they must leave their homes which are currently threatened. Thankfully everyone has been very understanding and cooperative,” said Ravalli County Sheriff Chris Hoffman.

Meanwhile, Helena National Forest officials hope cooler weather and higher humidity Friday will help slow the 2,800-acre Davis Gulch fire burning on Stemple Pass northwest of Helena.

Temperatures in the high 90s and strong winds Thursday afternoon helped blow a prescribed burn out of control, forcing the evacuation of more than two dozen homes.

Canyon Creek Fire chief Jason Grossman said residents in six of the homes and vacation cabins refused to leave. The buildings were not in immediate danger and firefighters were there to watch over the buildings, he said.

“We can’t force them (to

leave). They know the danger,” Grossman said. More than 100 firefighters tried to form an anchor behind the blaze and protect the homes, but there was very little they could do to contain the fire Thursday afternoon, said incident commander Greg Archie of the Montana Department of Natural Resources.

“The power of the fire is overcoming the power of the people. We have to change

that soon,” he said. Winds were expected to reach 15 to 20 mph in Helena on Friday, with gusts to 45 mph

**Flames from a prescribed burn that turned into a wildfire are visible from Highway 279 on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010 near Canyon Creek, Mont. Forest spokeswoman Kathy Bushnell says the wind kicked up at about 1 p.m. driving the fire beyond the boundaries of the prescribed burn.**

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An image made from a video released by Television Nacional de Chile via the Chilean government Thursday Aug. 26, 2010, shows the trapped miners in their underground chamber.

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### TRAPPED MINERS

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They also showed off areas outside the shelter where they can walk around.

An animated miner gives a guided tour through the ample space where the men have plenty of room to stand and lie down. He shows where the men meet and pray daily and points out the "little cup to brush our teeth."

"We have everything organized," he says.

The few items they have are carefully laid out: a first

aid cabinet, shelves holding unidentified bottles, mats in a corner for rest.

As the camera shows a table with dominoes laid out, the tour guide says that "this is where we entertain ourselves, where we play cards."

"We meet here everyday," he adds. "We plan, we have assemblies here everyday so that all the decisions we make are based on the thoughts of all 33." The camera was sent down through a bore-hole used for communications. Another small hole that snakes down

to the men's shelter is used for lowering food and a third provides ventilation.

Many of the miners appeared in the video wearing their hard hats. As the camera pans to them, some flash peace signs, wave and smile. Others look groggy as if just awakened.

"Greetings to my family! Get us out of here soon, please!" says one unidentified man.

At one point the footage shows a close-up of a thermometer reading 29.5 degrees Celsius (85 degrees Fahrenheit).

Another man displays what psychiatrists have said is a key trait to keeping the men motivated and optimistic — a sense that they have a role in their own destinies.

"There are a large number of professionals who are going to help in the rescue efforts from down here," the man says.

What the men may not know is that the mining company that hired them is doing nothing to join them in a rescue. The San Esteban company says it can't afford to pay their wages and may go bankrupt.

San Esteban is in such bad shape that it has neither the equipment nor the money to rescue the men; Chile's state-owned mining company is going to drill the escape tunnel, which will cost about \$1.7 million.

In the days after the tunnel collapse at the gold and copper mine, company leaders defended their safety measures, but have since gone mum and attempts to reach anyone at San Esteban were not successful.

Earlier this week, lawyers for the small mining company said that with the mine shut down, and no income coming in, the company was at a high risk for bankruptcy.

How such a financially unstable business was allowed to operate is a question that is putting one of Chile's top industries under the microscope, exposing a dark underside of questionable regulation that may ultimately reflect more on government priorities than one rogue company.

Sen. Baldo Prokurica, who is on the Senate mining committee, says he has been pushing Congress for years to increase the number of inspectors for the state regulatory agency, Sernageomin. □

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# Japan gives rare tour of gallows to spur debate

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TOKYO (AP) — Japan opened up the secretive world of its capital punishment system to the public Friday, offering journalists a rare tour of Tokyo's main gallows in an effort to stoke debate about a practice widely supported here.

All executions in Japan are carried out by hanging, and no media coverage of executions is permitted. Inmates on death row do not know when they will be executed until the last minute, while family members and lawyers are only told afterward. Along with the United States, Japan is one of the few industrialized countries that maintains capital punishment.

Despite persistent criticism by rights groups such as Amnesty International and the main Japanese bar association, there is little public outcry against capital punishment in Japan, where recent government surveys showed more than 80

percent support ratings.

But the media tour at the Tokyo Detention Center — broadcast on major TV stations — appears to be driven by Justice Minister Keiko Chiba, who opposes the death penalty.

In July, Chiba approved — and witnessed — the hangings of two inmates convicted of murder, saying she was carrying out her duties as justice minister.

Afterward, Chiba said she still supports abolishing capital punishment, and as a way to spur public debate, ordered that journalists be given a tour of the facilities, which Japanese press said was the first since at least the end of World War II. She also promised to create a ministry panel to discuss the death penalty, including whether it should be stopped. "I hope the public viewing of the execution chamber today would help national debate on the death penalty," Chiba said after the press tour.

But justice officials said the viewing was a one-off.

"In principle, we believe the execution chamber is not suited for public viewing because of its nature," said Satoshi Tomiyama, a correction official at the ministry.

Japanese TV news programs Friday showed footage from the tour, including the execution room, where a red square marked the trapdoor where the condemned stands. Foreign press were barred from the visit despite repeated requests for access by The Associated Press and other media organizations. The Ministry of Justice gave no clear reason.

Even the exact location of the execution site is a secret. According to media accounts, the reporters were taken on a bus with curtains closed so that the location couldn't be identified.

The tour was led to a room decorated with a Buddha statue before reaching the death chamber, separated by a curtain. The hanging rope was removed from the



The main gallows of the Tokyo Detention Center is shown during a tour Friday, Aug. 27, 2010. Japan has allowed local media a rare tour of Tokyo's main gallows in a bid to create more public awareness about capital punishment, which is carried out extremely secretly in this country. The room behind the glass window is for witnesses.

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ceiling-mounted pulley and the trapdoor was closed.

TV footage showed a small room next to the chamber where three executioners simultaneously push a button so none knows who activated the trapdoor.

Japan has a 99 percent conviction rate — a number that hasn't changed even after the country introduced a jury

system for serious cases tried at district courts.

The high conviction rate has raised concerns about problems in the country's criminal justice. Police interrogate suspects in closed rooms for hours without an attorney present or full recording, which critics say leads to coerced confessions and conviction of the innocent.

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# Accused Russian arms trader blasts media coverage

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BANGKOK (AP) — Facing extradition from Thailand to the U.S. on arms trafficking-related charges, Russian businessman Viktor Bout accused the United States and international media of demonizing him as major weapons dealer without proof. Last week, an appeals court in the Thai capital Bangkok ordered Bout's extradition within three months to the United States, where he faces criminal charges that could put him in prison for life.

"I am not guilty of the crimes I am accused of and I continue to believe that justice will prevail in my case," Bout said in a statement Friday read by his wife Alla at a news conference. He is in a high-security prison in a Bangkok suburb.

The 43-year-old Bout was arrested in Bangkok in March 2008 after U.S. agents posed as arms buyers for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, which Washington classifies as a terrorist organization. Bout has been referred to as "The Merchant of Death," and was an inspiration for the arms dealer played by Nicolas Cage in the 2005 film "Lord of War." After his arrest, Bout was indicted in the U.S. on terrorism charges for allegedly conspiring to sell millions of dollars worth of weapons to FARC, including more than 700 surface-to-air missiles, thousands of guns, and helicopters and airplanes outfitted with grenade launchers and missiles.

A Thai court in August last year originally rejected Washington's request for Bout's extradition, but after

the ruling was reversed last week the U.S. moved to get him out quickly, sending a special plane to stand by.

The U.S. filed additional charges in 2009 against Bout — a step that is now slowing down his extradition. Bout cannot legally leave Thailand until he goes to court to hear the new charges of money-laundering and wire fraud, said Sirisak Tiyan, director of the international division at the Office of the Attorney General.

Washington has sought to drop those charges, but they remain stuck in the Thai bureaucracy. "We'll have to see what the court decides," Sirisak said Friday. "Now everybody is just touting their versions of the story, which are all perceptions. Everything will become clear once the process reaches the court."



Viktor Bout, a suspected Russian arms dealer, listens to reporter's questions from inside a court cell at the criminal court in Bangkok, Thailand Friday, Aug. 20, 2010.

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Bout has been accused of supplying dictators and warlords with weapons used in civil wars in South America, the Middle East and Africa. He has repeatedly denied being an arms dealer, though he acknowledges the air transport company he once ran did carry legally authorized shipments of weapons.

"The U.S. is trying to create

for me the image of an illegal billionaire and an illegal arms dealer," Bout said in his statement. "I have never traded in weapons, I have never sold weapons."

From 1993-2001, Bout said he owned a fully legal air transport business based in the United Arab Emirates, which he closed down when it became unprofitable. □

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TOM MALITI

Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenya's president signed a new constitution into law Friday that institutes a U.S.-style system of checks and balances and has been hailed as the most significant political event since Kenya's independence nearly a half century ago. Kenya's new constitution is part of a reform package that President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga committed themselves to after signing a power-sharing deal in February 2008. That deal ended violence that killed more than 1,000 people following Kenya's disputed December 2007 presidential vote.

"I feel honored to be your President at this moment because this is the most important day in the history of our nation since independence," said the 78-year-old Kibaki. He was a senior official of Kenya's independence party, the Kenya African National Union, when Britain handed over power in 1963 to its leader, Jomo Kenyatta. Odinga said the new constitution was a major step in bridging Kenya's political and ethnic divisions.

"No one could have thought that out of the bitter harvest of the disputed election and the violence that pitted our people against each other just two years ago, we would be witnessing today the birth of a national unity that has eluded us for more than 40 years," Odinga said.

Friday's event comes after an overwhelming majority of Kenyan voters adopted the new constitution in an Aug. 4 referendum. Kibaki's signature formally marks the end of a decades-long struggle to cut down the massive powers of the

presidency.

The government and parliament now must implement the ambitious document, a process expected to take up to five years. The document requires, among other things, the formation of a Supreme Court and a Senate. It also demands that the country's judiciary be vetted to rid it of corrupt or incompetent judges and that parliament pass 49 new laws.

Patrick Gichuki, a street vendor, painted his body in the colors of the Kenyan national flag and the words "Kenya mpya" — new Kenya.

"We are happy to be Kenyans and we are happy that Kenya has a new constitution," said Gichuki, who hopes the new constitution will help address the many problems facing Kenyan youth.

Emmy Kosgei, who sang during the festivities and got all the VIPs dancing at the podium, said the signing of a new constitution signified a new beginning for the country and she was proud to be part of it.

"Most of us have grown up reading about such events as history," she said. "But today we are a part of history."

Joining African leaders at the festivities was Sudan's president who faces charges of genocide and crimes against humanity in connection with violence in Darfur, where U.N. officials estimate 300,000 people have died.

It is only the second time that Omar al-Bashir has risked arrest by traveling to a member state of the International Criminal Court since he was first charged in 2009. The ICC has no police force and depends on member states to enforce its orders.

Human rights groups had urged the Kenyan government to bar al-Bashir from the festivities but Kenya's foreign minister defended al-Bashir's presence.

President Barack Obama welcomed the new constitution as an important step that sets "a positive example for all of Africa and the world."

He added, however, that he was disappointed at the presence of al-Bashir, saying in a statement "we consider it important that Kenya honor its commitments to the ICC and to international justice, along with all nations that share those responsibilities." □



Kenya's Attorney General, Amos Waki, right, watches as Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki holds up the country's new constitution after signing it into law, at Uhuru Park in Nairobi, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010. The new constitution sets up an American style presidential system with checks and balances. The new charter replaces a colonial-era constitution that had been changed over the years to give the president wide ranging powers.

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*Former Vice President and Nobel Peace laureate*

# Al Gore to speak on Aruba

*At The Green Energy Conference in September*

ORANJESTAD – Former vice president of the U.S.A. and Nobel Peace laureate Al Gore will be the keynote speaker at the opening of the conference “Our Future with Green Energy” in Aruba on September 29, 2010, the Dutch Caribbean island’s Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy and conference host, Mike de Meza announced Friday during a press conference.

“We are happy, proud and most honored to be able to announce that Mr. Al Gore, former vice president of the United States of America and Nobel Peace laureate has accepted to be the keynote speaker at our first conference on green energy,” De Meza announced at a press conference. “Vice President Gore is one of the most important driving forces behind the green awareness movement. The wisdom of Mr. Gore’s words will be of great value to our delegates as well,” Minister De Meza added.

Albert Arnold “Al” Gore Jr. (Washington D.C., March 31, 1948) was the 45th Vice President of the United States of America. The Nobel Prize in Peace 2007 was awarded jointly to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Mr. Gore “for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change”.



**Pictured from ( R ) to ( L ) : Utilities Aruba N.V. Director Frank Hoevertsz; N.V. Elmar Director Robert Henriquez, Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy Mike de Meza; and W.E.B. Aruba N.V. Oslin Boekhoudt.**

Vice President Gore has been a much requested speaker at international debates and meetings on sustainability since the year 2000. He most passionately expresses his concern for the ecological evolution of our planet and the role of the individual herein. The documentary Mr. Gore and the IPCC produced on global warming won an Oscar at the 75th Academy Awards for Best Documentary on February 25, 2007. This documentary “An Inconvenient Truth” will be shown at various locations on Aruba prior to the Green Aruba 2010 conference. The Government of Aruba has a very ambitious green

agenda. Twenty percent of the energy needed to produce potable water and electricity is already being harvested provided by the island’s first windmill park. Making use of the available sustainable energy sources, namely sun, ocean and wind, the government aims to double this percentage in the coming two years.

From September 29 through October 1, the government of Aruba and the local utilities companies WEB Aruba N.V., N.V. ELMAR and Utilities Aruba N.V. will host the first international conference on green energy for Aruba with as theme “Our Future with Green Energy”. During

the conference international experts will present the latest technologies and developments in state of the art alternative, sustainable energy technologies and their practical use in the Caribbean.

At a tradeshow geared towards increasing national and regional awareness on the everyday use of sustainable energy tools in the home and business, on October 1, 2 and 3, the general public is offered the opportunity to get better acquainted with a numerous green technologies.

Information on the conference and tradeshow are available on the website [www.greenaruba.org](http://www.greenaruba.org). □

*~ Photos by Julia Renfro*

# Top Decision Makers Enjoy Sunset in Style



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Renaissance Marina Hotel served delicious cocktails and butler-passed hors d'oeuvres to the dignitaries. Over the next few days, the island of Aruba, in conjunction with the Marriott & Renaissance resorts will showcase their combined abilities to host top notch events for high-end, discerning clients. □



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# RACE DAY at Santosa a success!



NOORD - On August 22 at the building that was the former location for the RIO RESTAURANT. SANTOSA, that now has their facilities there, held their first SPIN CYCLE RACE DAY EVENT. The cyclists were a group 22 of SANTOSA members as well as other non-member participants. All joined and

mounted the SPIN BIKES in the Breeze Way of the building and went through one hour of non-stop racing. Everyone was a winner.

After the one hour marathon, the bikers either went in for a massage or yoga session and then on the BREEZES restaurant for a delicious luncheon buffet of Salmon,



special rice's, Broiled chicken, vegetables for a delicious meal.

While all of this was going on, the CEMAFA medical team, who will be occupying the second floor, did blood tests, pressure tests and other clinical measurements for the athletes and anyone who asked.

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All photographs were taken by C.J. Rodriguez M.D. who was one of the doctors on the medical team. □

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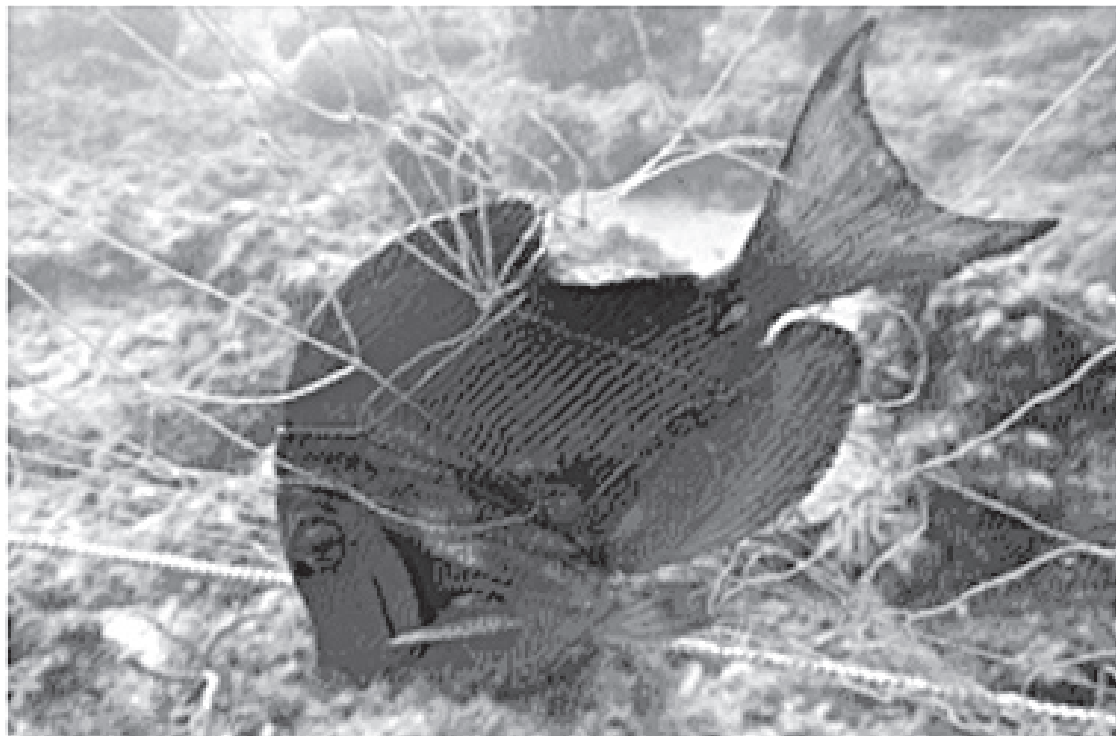
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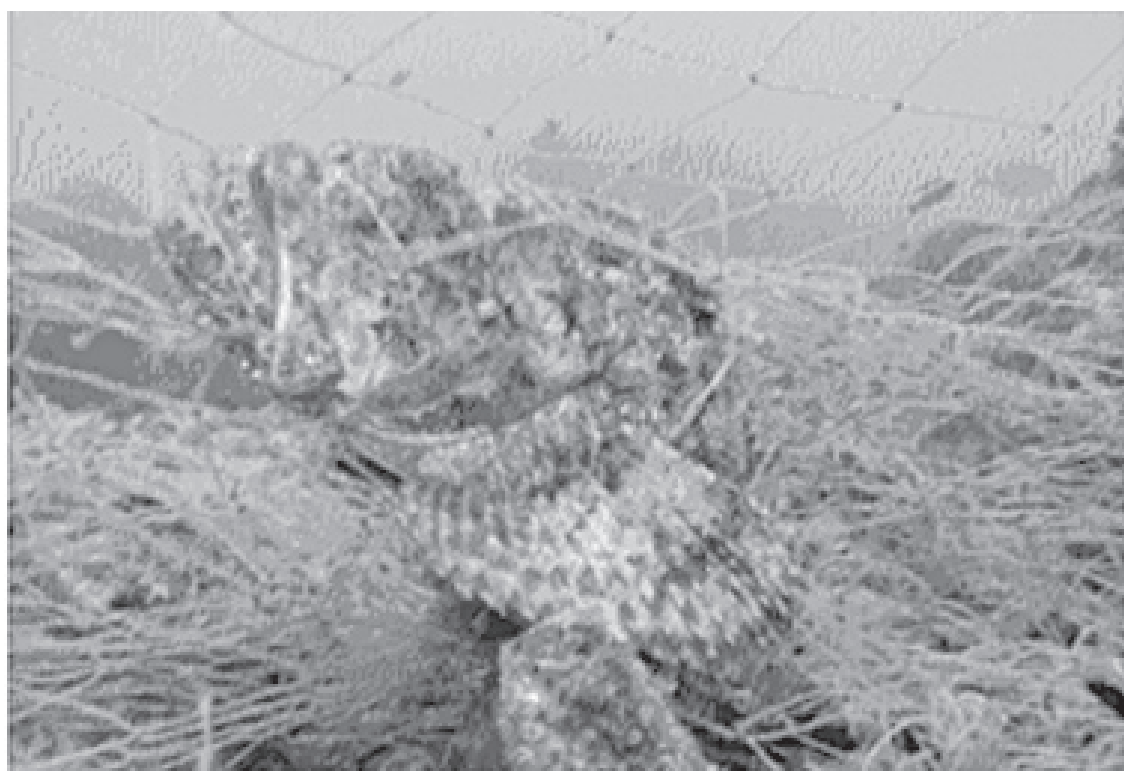
# Responsible Fishing Pt. 2



Regulations of catch size for fishermen is also an issue because the removal of for instance 50 Red Snappers each with a length of 12 inches or less indicates that that fish is still juvenile and it will never be able to reproduce. Fifty snappers like that represents fifty dinners in a restaurant but at what cost? By now some people may panic and think that fishing should not be allowed in Aruba anymore, but that is not the case. In order to find solutions for the overfishing problem and find sustainable ways to ensure that the fishermen will continue to have an industry or way of living, we must come up with alternatives manage the people and to secure this industry. Ban on equipment such as spear guns, fishing traps, gill and sein nets must become a priority. The use of gill nets is one of the main sources for unwanted “by catch”. By catch are fish or other marine life caught in gill nets, which are either not used for consumption or become casualties of unsafe fishing practices. These include endangered species. Animals like turtles, dolphin and sharks just to mention

a few are caught in these gill nets and are killed. These nets are in the water for a few days and when caught there is no chance to be rescued or released and within twelve hours of being caught in a net the animal has died and spoiled beyond any consumable possibility. Regulations will find opposition. Change is never popular and change will not “please” everyone. The island in general must understand and decide where they want to be in the future with regards to fishing. The fishermen must also voice their opinion regarding these issues because it is their livelihood. Ideas such as a central point of sale for all fishermen may help the fishermen and guarantee that their catch is bought at one central point. This can also help with gathering information and data for research purposes.

This means that they will fish and will only have to deliver their catch at one center where the fish will be bought from them and this is the only center or centers where fish will be



sold. The fishermen will come in, the catch is weighted and they are paid on the spot. Introduction of fishing permits for non-professional fishermen may help with regulation and equipment. Banning the use of nets will definitely help to protect species that are currently being killed by netting. Interviewing the local fishermen and organize a public forum like the one that was done with the fishing trap issue can include the public and fishermen. This can help to gauge where people wish to go. Pilot programs such as from “fisherman to fish farmer” may develop possibilities other than having to go out to sea and be at the mercy of the weather, the fish and luck? A guarantee salary as a fish farmer may offer a better way of live for the fisherman/farmer. Government regulated fish farming can also control the industry and promote programs for sustainable fishing and fish farming, guarantee sustainability and provide additional jobs. Farm raised salt water fish is one way to help to protect and replenish what we are currently depleting. Providing for the local market and replacing wild stock with farm raised stock can boost the wild fish stock and may offer better market price for consumption.

# Glamorous wedding in Downtown, Oranjestad



ORANJESTAD - Olga Petrovna Doronino from Moldovka, Russia & Jose Moreira from Catanduvás, Brazil were married on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at Aruba's Historic Civil House in Downtown Oranjestad. After the civil ceremony officiated by Government Civil Officer Beto Christiaans, the couple together with

their family continued the ceremonies with an exchange of rings and Christian vows in the Seventh Day Adventist Church

Weststraat in Oranjestad. Olga, dressed in a long white wedding dress said "I do" together with Jose and witnessed by their family that traveled to Aruba with them and the entire congregation of the Church. □

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slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, homemade soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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**Tiger Woods holds a up a ball as he waves to the gallery on the 18th hole during the second round of The Barclays golf tournament Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, in Paramus N.J.**

*Associated Press*

### Woods struggles during second round at Barclays

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — Tiger Woods was poised to take control at the Barclays on Friday. Instead, he went the other way.

Woods missed a 20-inch putt for one of four bogeys over the last eight holes and shot a 2-over 73. The difference from the rest of the year is it only cost him the lead, not a chance of winning.

Jason Day, the 22-year-old Australian who won his first PGA Tour event earlier this year, made three straight birdies late in his round and finished with a good par for a 4-under 67 that gave him a one-shot lead.

Day was at 8-under 134, one shot ahead of Kevin Streelman (63) and Vaughn Taylor (70).

Woods was four shots behind going into the weekend, and confident he could make up the deficit.

"You play around here and post good numbers, you'll move up the board," he said. "The guys aren't going to be tearing this place apart."

Two years after narrowly missing a playoff at Ridgewood Country Club, Streelman ran off six birdies in a seven-hole stretch for a 63 that will put him in the final group Saturday.

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### THE 400 Club

St. Louis Cardinals 'Albert Pujols points to the sky as he crosses home plate after his 400th home run in the fourth inning of a baseball game with the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park in Washington Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

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## ELBOWED OUT

*Washington Nationals' starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws against the Philadelphia Phillies in the second inning of a baseball game Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, in Philadelphia.*

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### Coach K tries again to put U.S. on top of the world

USA head coach Mike Krzyzewski stretches during practice for the World Basketball Championship, in Istanbul, Turkey, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010.

*Associated Press.  
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# Strasburg vows strong return from Tommy John op



Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg talks to the media about his injury during a press conference before a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, in Washington.

By JOSEPH WHITE  
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Stephen Strasburg had to get through a few hours of anger, confusion and certainly a few more volatile emotions before he was ready to accept the sobering news expressed in three disheartening words. Tommy John surgery. The Washington Nationals rookie sensation is done for the season — and maybe next season as well — after the team announced Friday that he has a torn ligament in his right elbow. He will travel Saturday to the West Coast for a second opinion, but the 22-year-old right-hander has accepted the fact that he will need the ligament replacement operation that requires 12 to 18 months of rehabilitation. “It’s a new challenge,” Strasburg said. “I want to be the best at everything, and right now I want to be the best at rehabbing and getting back out here.” It’s a blow to Strasburg, of course, and to a baseball world that has spent the summer gasping in awe

at his 100 mph fastball, bending curves and wicked batter-freezing changeups, but the biggest punch to the gut is to a Nationals franchise that had made the young phenom the centerpiece in their plans to climb out of perpetual last-place irrelevancy. “There’s no words that I can put in place here that would indicate we could possibly replace Stephen,” manager Jim Riggleman said. “But we have to do it a different way, different names, different staff members who will go out there and fulfill the rotation until Stephen comes back.” Strasburg grimaced, grabbed and shook his wrist after throwing a 1-1 changeup to Domonic Brown in Philadelphia on Saturday. It turned out to be his last pitch of the year. The Nationals initially called the injury a strained flexor tendon in the forearm, but an MRI taken Sunday raised enough questions for the Nationals to order a more extensive MRI in which dye was injected into the prized right arm.

Strasburg had the exam on Thursday and was informed of the diagnosis later that night, but the Nationals chose not to announce the news until because it would have upstaged the introductory news conference for 2010 No. 1 draft pick Bryce Harper. Strasburg could hardly believe the bad news, especially because his arm has felt fine all week, certainly good enough to keep pitching. “I didn’t take a matter of minutes” to sink in, he said. “I took definitely a few hours. I’ve got great support all around me, and they reminded me of everything I should be thankful for, and they put everything in perspective for me. Bottom line, this is a game. I’m very blessed to play this game for a living. It’s a minor setback, but in the grand scheme of things it’s just a blip on the radar screen.” Strasburg is an intense, competitive man. He wants the ball. He was disappointed when he had to start the season in the minors and wasn’t exactly thrilled with the restrictions the Nationals have placed on him. Now he faces something he’s never experienced in his baseball life: surgery on his arm, and the realistic prospect of not pitching again until 2012. “It’s a new challenge,” he said. “It’s going to be a learning experience. I feel like I’m going to be able to grow a lot as an individual and as a baseball player.” Strasburg said that on Friday he plans to write down on a piece of paper everything he’s thinking and look at it again a year from now. He’s said he’s doing it he knows his mind might “get a little jumbled” as he goes through rehab and that he wants to remember everything he

needs to focus on. And as far as trying to figure out why this has happened to him? He’s done with that question. “If I keep looking for an explanation, it’s just going to eat at me, and I’ve got to let it go,” he said. “I’ve just got to move on, and that’s what I’m doing. Everything happens for a reason, and this is obviously going to be a test for me.” The No. 1 overall pick in the 2009 draft, Strasburg signed a record \$15.1 million contract a year ago. He struck out 14 batters in an amazing major league debut in June and was quickly drawing huge crowds everywhere. He went 5-3 with a 2.91 ERA and 92 strikeouts in 68 innings with the Nationals, who kept him on strict pitch counts and had planned to shut him down once he reached about 105 innings. But he has had medical setbacks despite the team’s best efforts to be as cautious as possible. He was placed on the disabled list a month ago because of inflammation in the back of his right shoulder. He was making his third start since returning from the DL when he had to leave the game against Philadelphia. “The player was developed and cared for in the correct way, and things like this happen,” Rizzo said. “Pitchers break down, pitchers get hurt and we certainly are not second-guessing ourselves. ... Frustrated? Yes. But second-guessing ourselves? No.” Rizzo said doctors believe Strasburg tore the ligament on a particular pitch — perhaps the changeup to Brown — as opposed to a gradual deterioration over a long period of time. When Strasburg grimaced in game at Philadelphia, he told the team he had felt something similar at San Diego State

and had continued to pitch through it. Doctors have decided that what happened in college was unrelated to the ligament tear. The injury is the last thing the woebegone Nationals needed. The franchise is on pace for its fifth last-place finish in six years since relocating from Montreal. Attendance has been disappointing at Nationals Park since it opened in 2008, but Strasburg generated rare sellouts in his first few home starts. Coincidentally, Thursday’s game marked the return of Jordan Zimmermann, another promising Washington pitching prospect who had Tommy John surgery a year ago. Strasburg and Zimmermann are supposed to form two-fifths of a rotation that will lead the team to respectability. “It’s still going to happen,” Riggleman said of the Strasburg-Zimmermann combo. “It’s just going to be another year before it happens.” Strasburg has already received advice from Zimmermann and can draw inspiration from the dozens of major leaguers who have successfully returned from the surgery that was first performed by Dr. Frank Jobe on Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Tommy John in 1974. “That’s the modern miracle of what doctors can do to put people back together,” Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said recently after a game that featured Tommy John returnees Francisco Liriano and Tim Hudson. “We all know the arm takes a beating. Goodness gracious, we saw two guys who were both throwing the ball 90-plus mph with sliders and stuff. That’s because some doctors did some really good jobs.” □

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Stewart Cink raised his Ryder Cup hopes with a 69 that put him in a group at 136, while the pack another shot behind included Adam Scott (71) and three-time major champion Padraig Harrington, who had a 68.

Europe's Ryder Cup team will be decided Sunday evening, and Harrington can only hope to be one of three captain's picks.

"The last thing I wanted was to come here and miss the cut, or play poorly here," Harrington said.

Paul Casey, also hopeful of a Ryder Cup pick, shot 69 and was in the group with Woods that also included Zach Johnson.

Woods at least will keep his No. 1 ranking for another week. Phil Mickelson missed the cut, then left The Barclays through a side door without speaking to reporters.

Woods wants to play on the U.S. Ryder Cup team as a captain's pick — the American selections won't be announced until Sept. 7 — and the desire

alone makes him a worthy candidate. His game is starting to show plenty of promise, too.

Woods went to 8-under par when he hit his approach to 5 feet for birdie on the 18th. Heading to the front nine, the easier of the two nines at Ridgewood, he had only 93 yards to the hole and a wedge in his hand. Woods went 40 feet long, left his first putt 6 feet short and made that to escape with par.

That set the tone for the rest of his round.

Posing over his tee shot on the par-3 second, it sailed over the green and left Woods a tough chip. As he started his swing, a photographer took a series of pictures. "Not in my swing," Woods said as he made contact, sending it 25 feet long for his first bogey.

The real damage came on No. 5, the 291-yard hole where Woods hit driver to 15 feet in the opening round. With the pin close to the front, he would have had to take something off a driver, so he opted to lay up. The plan worked fine until Woods putted to just inside

2 feet from the fringe, then missed the par putt.

"Ball was sitting in a hole," Woods said. "I could see it. I was trying to hit up on it and hook it like I normally do. I didn't do it."

He made bogey on the next hole with one of his few poor iron shots that came up short, then missed his only fairway of the day on the ninth hole and made one last bogey.

Throughout the day, the problem was putting. On three straight holes on the front nine, he ran putts some 4 feet beyond the hole and had to work for his pars.

"I didn't have the speed at all on the greens," he said. "I was leaving it way short or blowing it by the hole. And it caught up with me."

Woods has failed to break par in 15 of his last 19 rounds, although at least this time he's still in the game. Making the cut was the priority, and now he needs a strong weekend to set himself up for the other three playoff events. He is No. 112 in the standings, and the top 100 advance next week to Boston.



**Jason Day of Australia reacts to a missed putt on the ninth hole during the second round of The Barclays golf tournament, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, in Paramus, N.J.**

*Associated Press*

"I didn't hit it bad at all," Woods said. "I hit it really good. As I said, I didn't putt

really well. I hit it as good as I did yesterday. If I don't make putts, I don't score." □

## Wie hanging on to lead at Canadian Women's Open



**Michelle Wie tees off on the 11th hole during the second round of the LPGA Canadian Women's Open golf tournament in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010.**

*Associated Press*

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)— Michelle Wie's second round

didn't have the wow factor of a hole-in-one, but a 3-under

69 on Friday was enough to keep her the American atop the leaderboard late in the second round of the Canadian Women's Open.

The Hawaii native posted a two-round total of 10-under 134, three strokes ahead of Jiyai Shin of South Korea, who had a second-round 67.

Morgan Pressel had a 66 at the St. Charles Country Club to move into a tie at 138 with defending champion Suzann Pettersen of Norway.

Sarah Jane Smith of Australia also had a 66 and was in a group at 3 under in the tournament with a \$2.25 million purse.

Wie, 20, had her ace on the par-3 11th during her first-

round 65, a course record for a women's competition.

"I tried. Didn't work out," Wie said with a smile of not repeating the ace. "Compared to (Thursday), nothing was that dramatic."

She smiled again when describing one reaction of the large crowd that followed her.

"I think they were very disappointed on 11 today when I made a bogey," Wie said.

Pressel is in her fifth year on the LPGA Tour and is seeking her third victory.

"It looks like Michelle is very confident in her game right now, so it looks like I'm going to have to have two more days of golf like I had today and

we'll see what happens," said Pressel, who birdied five of her first eight holes.

Pressel's best finish this season was a tie for second at the Evian Masters last month, an event won by Shin.

Shin is ranked No. 4 on the World Rolex Rankings and has nine top-10 finishes this season.

Only in her second year on tour, she said it was nice to have some fans call her name while she was in the same threesome as Wie.

"(They say), 'Go Shin,' and everybody knows my name, so I'm really happy and appreciate it, too," she said with a shy smile. □

AL Roundup

# Peralta, Laird homer as Tigers beat Blue Jays 7-1



Detroit Tigers' Brandon Inge, left, congratulates Jhonny Peralta on his three run home run off Toronto Blue Jays starter Ricky Romero during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

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TORONTO (AP) — the Detroit Tigers beat the Jhonny Peralta and Gerald Toronto Blue Jays 7-1 on Laird homered, and Max Thursday. Scherzer became a 10-game Peralta hit a three-run drive winner for the first time as and Laird added a two-

run shot in Detroit's six-run fourth inning. It's the eighth time in eight road games that the Tigers have hit two or more home runs. They've hit 19 in that span. Toronto's Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 41st home run, the 100th homer of his career. Bautista's homer was the only run allowed by Scherzer (10-9), who gave up six hits in eight innings, matching his career high.

He walked one and struck out eight.

At Cleveland, Matt LaPorta hit a go-ahead two-run homer to help Justin Masterson (5-12) win for only the second time in 10 starts as Cleveland broke a five-game losing streak.

It came on "Puppypalooza Night," a promotion in which fans bought tickets for their pet dogs.

The Indians doggedly clawed back to avoid a three-game sweep, snap a five-game losing streak and win for the fourth time in 17 games.

LaPorta hit the first pitch thrown to him from Vin Mazzaro (6-6) with two outs in the sixth inning to put Cleveland ahead 3-2. Trevor Crowe lined a two-out single to left. Then LaPorta, 0 for 5 in his career against the right-hander, broke a 4 for 44 (.091) slump with his eighth homer.

## Twins 6, Rangers 4

At Arlington, Texas, Francisco Liriano allowed two runs and five hits over seven innings, and Delmon Young hit a three-run homer as Minnesota beat Texas to avoid a four-game sweep. Liriano (12-7) struck out six and walked one to capture

his sixth straight decision and snap Texas' four-game winning streak.

Cliff Lee fell to 2-5 in his 10 starts for Texas since he was acquired from Seattle in a trade on July 9.

Texas has won only three of those 10 starts.

At Chicago, Edwin Jackson struck out 10 in eight dominant innings and Alex Rios hit a two-run homer as Chicago beat Baltimore for its first series victory in three weeks.

Jackson allowed three hits and walked two, improving to 2-0 with a sparkling 0.96 ERA in four starts since he was acquired from Arizona on July 30. The right-hander, who threw a no-hitter on June 25 at Tampa Bay, has struck out 34 in 28 innings with Chicago.

The White Sox ended a streak of five consecutive series losses, winning a set for the first time since they took three of four at Detroit from Aug. 3-5. They had lost seven of their last 10 games and 11 of 16 overall. **In other AL games it was Cleveland 3, Oakland 2; Detroit 7, Toronto 1; Minnesota 6, Texas 4; and Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 0.** □



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## NL Roundup

# Astros complete four-game sweep of Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Houston Astros completed their first four-game sweep at Philadelphia in 11 years by winning 5-1 in the National League on Thursday, putting another dent in the Phillies' playoff ambitions.

Houston starter Wandy Rodriguez (10-12) pitched seven sharp innings, allowing only one run and striking out six. He has a 1.79 ERA since June 24.

Carlos Lee homered for the Astros, who did sweep in the Phillies over four games in Houston last year, but hadn't done so in Philadelphia since 1999.

Philadelphia, NL pennant winners two years running, fell three games behind first-placed Atlanta in the NL East and trail San Francisco by half a game in the wild-card standings, with 35 to play.

The Astros are the only NL team with a winning record (30-16) against Philadelphia since 2004.

Phillies starter Kyle Kendrick (8-7) allowed four runs in six innings.

### Marlins 11, Mets 4

In New York, Hanley Ramirez feasted on New York pitching yet again to power Florida to victory.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer and finished with three hits, going 10 for 15 over the series. He's been a pain for the Mets all season, driving in 14 runs and scoring 15 times against them.

Marlins rookie Logan Morrison reached base four times, including a two-run double during the seven-run sixth inning.

Florida starter Anibal Sanchez (11-8) got the win despite allowing four runs over five sloppy innings.

New York stranded 12 runners and lost shortstop Jose Reyes to a muscle strain in the second inning.

Mets starter Jonathon Niese (8-6) matched his career high with eight strikeouts but blew a 4-0 lead and left in the sixth. He allowed more runs (seven) than hits (five).

In San Diego, Ian Kennedy struck out a career-high 12 to steer Arizona to a comfortable win over San Diego.

Coming off a start in which he allowed a career-worst 10 hits in five innings, Kennedy (8-9) pitched seven scoreless innings and retired his final 10 batters, five by strikeouts.

Arizona's Stephen Drew finished a torrid series by hitting a three-run homer and

an RBI double.

The Padres trailed 11-0 going into the eighth before being spared their worst loss of the season, thanks to Adrian Gonzalez's grand slam.

San Diego's division lead dipped to six games over idle San Francisco.

The Diamondbacks, who had lost their previous 10 games in San Diego, did most of their damage against Padres starter Kevin Correia (10-9), who allowed nine runs in 3 1-3 innings.

In Milwaukee, Casey Blake hit a two-run homer to help Los Angeles to victory over Milwaukee, and a three-game sweep.

Six Dodgers pitchers combined to limit the Brewers to two hits. Reliever Ronald Belisario (2-1) took the win.

Leading 4-1, the Dodgers broke the game open in the



Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro tags out Philadelphia Phillies' Jayson Werth during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Philadelphia, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010. Houston won 5-1.

Associated Press

seventh with three runs off Yovani Gallardo (11-6) and reliever Todd Coffey. It was their first three-game sweep at Milwaukee since 2003.

The Brewers lost their fourth straight overall.

In other NL games it was **Houston 5, Philadelphia 1; L.A. Dodgers 7, Milwaukee 1; Arizona 11, San Diego 5; Washington 11, St. Louis 10, 13 innings; and Florida 11, N.Y. Mets 4.** □

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Defending US Open champion Kim Clijsters, left, of Belgium, and tournament referee Brian Early participate in the Draw Ceremony for the 2010 U.S. Open tennis tournament at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010 in New York.

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# Clijsters is a mother first, and an athlete second

**HOWARD FENDRICH**  
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kim Clijsters considers herself a mother first, a tennis player second.

Yes, the Belgian is the defending champion and seeded No. 2 at the U.S. Open, making her a popular pick to win the year's last Grand Slam tournament, which begins Monday.

And, yes, she considers herself obligated to help promote her sport by offering to do things such as throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at a major league baseball game, which was on her schedule for Friday when the New York Mets hosted the Houston Astros.

None of that, though, is as important to Clijsters as her 2½-year-old daughter, Jada.

"It's about balancing; just listening to yourself. I have days when ... I want to spend time with Jada, and I don't want to go to practice, and I want to make sure I'm there for her," Clijsters said in an interview with The Associated Press. "And luckily, I'm not the type of athlete who, if I don't do it, I'm going to be panicking."

There are plenty of players, the 27-year-old Clijsters explained, who feel compelled

to adhere strictly to whatever workout or practice routines are established for them by a coach or trainer.

She, on the other hand, is OK with taking an afternoon off, if that's what she thinks she needs to do.

"I'm like, if I don't do it today, it's not like my game won't be the same tomorrow," Clijsters said, gesturing with her left arm, the one that bears a tattoo of Jada's name on the wrist. "In that way, I'm probably more easygoing."

I live in the moment and see how I feel."

With a racket in her hand, Clijsters is at her best on hard courts. All three of her tournament titles in 2010 came on that surface, including at a U.S. Open warm-up event at Cincinnati this month.

"I've always felt more comfortable on this surface, not just this year, but even when I was 14, 15, 16, when I started playing my first few summer series in America," Clijsters said. "I don't know what it is, but I feel like I can move better, and I can see the ball better. Everything comes easier."

She owns a 14-match winning streak at the U.S. Open, taking the title the

last two times she entered, in 2005 and 2009. Clijsters missed the tournament in 2006 because of a wrist injury, then was away from the tour for about 2½ years while she got married and had a baby.

In one breath, Clijsters says she doesn't think about numbers like that 14-0 record. Yet in the next, she says she knows that if she plays well, she "can beat anybody out there."

Clijsters was treated for a cramp near her left hip during her most recent match, a three-set loss to Wimbledon runner-up Vera Zvonareva in the quarterfinals at Montreal a week ago. But Clijsters says she's healthy, thanks in part to acupuncture.

If she truly is able to move at her best, Clijsters will be expected to go far the next two weeks, especially against a field missing three-time U.S. Open champion Serena Williams and two-time winner Justine Henin, both sidelined by injuries.

"Because Serena's gone, and Henin's out, the women's side is ... open for taking," said television analyst John McEnroe, who won seven Grand Slam titles. "Kim has positioned herself well in terms of what she needs to do to defend her title."

Given that Clijsters already stepped away from the game once, it's not clear — even to her — how much longer she might be trying to defend titles.

She said she hopes to play until the 2012 London Olympics, where the tennis competition will be held at the All England Club, the site of Wimbledon.

"I've never played in the Olympics, and that's something I would like to try. But then, on the other hand, we would also like to have more children," Clijsters said with a chuckle.

"So, I'm kind of like, 'We'll see.'"

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# Wild-card Petrova moves into Pilot Pen finals

PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Nadia Petrova took advantage of her last-minute addition to the field at the Pilot Pen tennis tournament, moving into the final with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over Maria Kirilenko on Friday.

Kirilenko broke Petrova twice in the first set, but said she felt a pain in her back after lunging for a ball. She took a medical timeout in the second set but continued to struggle with her movement.

"I made a very fast movement and then I start to feel it even more," she said. "Then I couldn't even bend at all. Then it went a little bit better when the (trainer) came out. But still I decided to continue because no reason, you know, just even if you have a pain, you have to try."

Kirilenko said she would have the back looked at before deciding her status for the U.S. Open.

Petrova, who had 33 unforced errors in the first set, found her serve in the second and cruised to the victory.

"I saw she had difficulties moving," Petrova said. "So that was my first goal, keep her on the run, make her stretch, use my serve as a weapon, try to win as many free shots as possible. Then put pressure on her serve, try to be a little bit more aggressive so she has to come up with the amazing shot."

Petrova received the final wild-card entry to the tournament after Ana Ivanovic

withdrew last week with an ankle injury. She called the opportunity to play a "great gift" and has turned it into her first finals appearance since 2008.

"Has it been that long ago?" she said. "I've played a decent tennis throughout those years. I've had good wins. But just maybe I was a little bit out of luck."

She will play either top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki or No. 4-seeded Elena Dementieva on Saturday.

In the men's draw, Sergiy Stakhovsky moved into the final with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands.

The ninth-seeded Ukrainian took advantage of the only break point in the first set and broke De Bakker again in the seventh game of the second set.

"I was really lucky to catch that return," he said of his first break. "I mean, I guess I just decided where he was serving, so I went for it. It went in, thank God. It was a really important point for me."

The ninth-seeded Ukrainian has played in four semifinals in his career and has won all of them. He is 3-0 in finals, including in Hertogenbosch this year, and is hoping that streak continues Saturday.

"I can't really say what it takes," he said. "It just takes, I don't know what, but I'm trying to get that."

Stakhovsky will play the winner of the second men's semifinal between Viktor Troicki of Serbia and Denis Istomin of Uzbekistan. □



Nadia Petrova, of Russia, celebrates after winning her semifinal match against Maria Kirilenko also of Russia, at the Pilot Pen tennis tournament in New Haven, Conn., on Friday, Aug. 27, 2010. Petrova won in three sets, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

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## Stout defense helps Falcons beat Dolphins 16-6

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — The Atlanta Falcons were stout against the run, dug in on third down and came up with a big takeaway — all things coach Mike Smith is looking for this season.

Atlanta gave up only a field goal while Miami starting quarterback Chad Henne was in the game and beat the Dolphins 16-6 on Friday night.

Middle linebacker Curtis Lofton led the Falcons' defensive charge with 11 tackles, two for losses. Erik Coleman intercepted a pass in the end zone, and the Dolphins converted only one of eight third-down situations with Henne, who played one series into the third quarter.

Lawrence Sidbury had a sack, two quarterback hits and a tackle for a loss. The Falcons (2-1) are hoping for defensive

improvement after ranking 23rd in the NFL last year in yards allowed per play despite a 9-7 record.

Atlanta's Matt Ryan threw his first touchdown pass of the exhibition season. He led scoring drives of 60 and 54 yards, the second of which took more than seven minutes.

Ryan played one series into the third quarter and finished 13 of 26 for 103 yards, with one interception. He helped the Falcons convert eight of 14 third-down situations against Miami (2-1).

Michael Turner was a workhorse for Atlanta in the first half, rushing 47 yards in 16 carries. He lost a fumble. Henne was 10 of 22 for 123 yards with one interception. He and Brandon Marshall hooked up for completions of 26 and 20 yards in the final 45 seconds of the first half, giving

the Dolphins a first down at the 7. But linebacker Mike Peterson tipped a second-down pass, and Coleman intercepted it in the end zone.

Miami's Ronnie Brown ran for only 9 yards in eight carries, two out of the wildcat. Ricky Williams carried four times for 5 yards.

The Falcons converted three third-down situations on their second possession before Ryan hit Roddy White for an 18-yard score. White later beat Sean Smith on a deep route, but Ryan overthrew him near the goal line.

Falcons backup quarterback Chris Redman led a 71-yard drive on his first series and capped it with a 5-yard touchdown throw to Brian Finneran. Redman went 5 of 8 for 56 yards.

Dolphins backup Chad Pennington went 7 of 14 for 62 yards and led them to a



Miami Dolphins quarterback Chad Pennington (10) slides to avoid a tackle during the third quarter of an NFL preseason football game against the Atlanta Falcons, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010 in Miami.

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field goal. Atlanta's first-teamers had two turnovers, both in the first half. Cornerback Vontae Davis forced Turner's fumble, and Dolphins newcomer Karlos Dansby recovered, while Ryan was intercepted by Jeremiah Bell.

Davis made seven tackles, one for a loss, and three passes defended.

Dan Carpenter kicked a 53-yard field goal on Miami's first possession, and hit a 35-yarder in the second half. Matt Bryant made a 26-yarder for the Falcons. □

# Coach K tries again to put U.S. on top of the world

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**AP Basketball Writer**

ISTANBUL (AP) — Mike Krzyzewski's college kids were overmatched, his NBA All-Stars a bit unready. Now he will try with a team that's somewhere in between.

Two failures to win the basketball world championship is the only real hole in Krzyzewski's resume, something he gets to work on starting Saturday when the United States opens against Croatia.

The Americans have won the world championship only three times, a stunningly low total for a country that has dominated Olympic play. Krzyzewski wasn't all that surprised, because while the Americans have always viewed the worlds as a second-class event, it's the top priority to many of the nations that have been beating them.

"I think the world put such an emphasis on it and we send different teams all the time. Their countries send their main teams," the coach said Friday after the Americans practiced. "For a long time it was just the college players competing

and then internationally for us it wasn't always that competition that brought everybody wanting to play for it like the Olympics.

"So we have unique teams that come here and I think the teams that we've sent have more room for error, just like ours. We have a really good team, but there's room for error because we're not big and we're not old."

Krzyzewski coached the last U.S. team comprised of college players, winning a bronze in 1990. He got another shot four years ago and ended up with bronze again after a team that included LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Carmelo Anthony lost to Greece in the semifinals.

His team now lacks that star power, and with an average age of around 24 is just as young. But many players on this squad have experience within the USA Basketball program, which is much more developed than it was in 2006.

"I just thought our culture wasn't set enough to do it," Krzyzewski said. "We were a little bit young like we are



**United States coach Mike Krzyzewski speaks to reporters after a training session at Caja Magica stadium in Madrid on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010. The United States basketball team will play two friendly games against Lithuania and Spain this week.**

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now — we're younger now — but we have a better culture in place, so we have I think a greater chance to win. It's not a done deal, there are a lot of good teams here. We won't take anything for granted, we know that we can get beat here." And in the world

championships, they usually do.

The Americans won their last world title in 1994. A lockout prevented them from using NBA players four years later, but the pros were back for a pathetic sixth-place finish in 2002 in Indianapolis, when the United States lost for the first time when using NBA players. Their three world titles in 15 tries are far below their total of 13 gold medals in 16 Olympic competitions.

"Basketball is universal now, it's not just played in one place," United States forward Lamar Odom said. "We put a team together in a month's span, sometimes you take your bumps and bruises, and these guys have been playing together their whole lives. It happens."

The bronze behind Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union in Krzyzewski's first attempt was understandable, since the Yugoslav team that stopped the Americans featured five future NBA players, including Vlade Divac, Toni Kukoc and the late Drazen Petrovic.

"The first time was the last time the college kids played, and Russia and Yugoslavia were still together. There's no way you were going to beat them. Both of them could have been NBA teams at that time, and a lot of their players

ended up being in the NBA," Krzyzewski said.

He committed to return as national team coach last year in part because he and USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo want to make the world championships more of a priority. They believed they would be joined by some of the players from the 2008 Olympic gold medalists, but all declined to play.

Had those players come to Istanbul, the United States would have been heavily favored to finally get Krzyzewski that world championship.

Instead, the Americans are considered only a slight favorite — or even behind defending champion Spain to some. Colangelo tried to sell the players on returning because they had "unfinished business" from 2006. But when it comes to the world championship, they're hardly the only Americans who didn't get the job done.

"It just tells you how good international basketball is now and you can't just put a team together and go over and expect to win every year," United States guard Stephen Curry said. "It's a tough thing to do and it's going to make it that much more special if we take care of business and get it done while we're here." □



**Phoenix Mercury forward Candice Dupree, center, grabs an offensive rebound between San Antonio Silver Stars defenders Jayne Appel, left, and Sophia Young, right, in the third quarter of Game 1 of the WNBA Western Conference semifinal series Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, in Phoenix. Dupree scored 32 points with 8 rebounds as the Mercury defeated the Silver Stars 106-93.**

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PHOENIX (AP) — Candice Dupree scored a career-high 32 points to lead the Phoenix Mercury to a 106-93 win over the San Antonio Silver Stars

## WNBA Roundup

# Mercury beats Silver Stars in playoff opener

on Thursday in the first game of the best-of-three Western Conference semifinals.

Game 2 is Saturday in San Antonio with a deciding game, if needed, on Monday in Phoenix.

Dupree, a fifth-year forward acquired in the offseason by the Mercury from Chicago, was playing in her first WNBA postseason game.

Penny Taylor added 20 points, seven assists and five rebounds for the Mercury while WNBA leading scorer Diana Taurasi was held to 14 points but added 10 assists.

Becky Hammon led the Silver Stars with 19 points while Sophia Young added 16 points and nine rebounds, although she was nearly shutout in the first half.

Liberty 85, Fever 73

At New York, Cappie Pondexter scored 23 of her 28 points in the first half and Essence Carson scored nine of her 17 in a big fourth-quarter run as the New York beat Indiana in the opening game of their Eastern Conference semifinals series.

Taj McWilliams-Franklin had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Nicole Powell added 13 points for the Liberty, who closed the regular season with 15 wins in 18 games after the All-Star break.

Tamika Catchings scored 18 points, Ebony Hoffman had 13 and Tammy Sutton-Brown added 10 for the Fever, who were in first place heading into the final week but lost their last three and finished one game behind Washington and New York. □

# Gay wins 100 meters in 9.79 seconds in Brussels

RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Tyson Gay won the 100 meters in Brussels in 9.79 seconds, and with it claimed the Diamond League trophy for the season's top performer, but only after a false start scare.

In the absence of injured world record holder Usain Bolt, American Gay was looking to beat his personal best of 9.69, the time he shares with Bolt as the second fastest ever, but the weather at the King Baudouin proved to be too damp and unseasonably cold.

The temperature did not break 60F but the cheers of a sellout crowd of 47,000 did warm him.

The starting gun also gave him a jolt. The runners were called back after the first start, and there were whispers in the crowd that Gay may have been the offender and could be expelled from the race.

"I didn't false start, but the camera zoomed in on me. That put me off a bit," Gay said.

There was a sigh of relief eventually when everybody was called back for the start.

Gay was slow out of the blocks on the second attempt and had to work hard most of the race to get ahead of Jamaican Nesta Carter, whose 9.85 was a personal best. Another Jamaican, Yohan Blake, was third in 9.91.

"I didn't execute the start of the race well. This is a fast track and you need to take advantage of it. I didn't," he said.

Gay's time of 9.79 was 0.01 seconds short of his world leading time and still 0.21 off Bolt's world record.

Gay was expected to have only the clock to beat, but Carter was still leading after 60 meters.

"That gave me wings," said Carter. "Maybe my last 20 meters were not so wonderful."

Under pressure, Gay kept a cool head and forged ahead for the win. It earned him US\$40,000 and a diamond for winning the season-long competition.

One week after taking the 400-meter title at the



Tyson Gay of the US, center, Nesta Carter, left, and Yohan Blake from Jamaica compete during the men's 100 meters, at the IAAF Diamond League Memorial Van Damme athletics meeting in Brussels, Belgium, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010.

Weltklasse meet in Zurich, Allyson Felix added the 200 at the Van Damme to become the only double Diamond League trophy winner in the competition's inaugural season. She had to fight till the finishing line for a time of 22.61 and hold off U.S. compatriot Shalonda Solomon by 0.09 seconds.

She too complained about

the cold. "I was a little stiff. I had hoped for a better time. I looked down at my legs and they were purple but it was a lot of fun."

Janeth Jepkosgei won the 800 meters Diamond League trophy, leaving South Africa's Caster Semenya third in the race.

Kenya's Jepkosgei, the 2007 world champion, took the

lead in the final straight and finished in 1 minute, 58.82 seconds, beating Russian Mariya Savinova by 0.67 seconds. Semenya ran in her first Diamond League race after she won in Berlin on Sunday, her first major 800 victory since gender tests kept the world champion off the track for 11 months.

She hung back in the pack

*Associated Press*

for most of the race and only charged in the final straightaway to finish in her season's best of 1:59.65.

Still, her agent Jukka Harkonen was pleased with the race. "She ran a little bit faster than in Berlin and it was a very competitive race. If everything is going well, Caster will compete at the Commonwealth Games."

The Oct. 3-14 games in Delhi, India, will be her biggest event since winning the world title last year.

In the men's 800, David Rudisha could not match his world record performance of last Sunday but still produced the kick to hold off his main rival Abubaker Kaki. The Kenyan was 2.41 seconds off his record pace, but it was enough to win the Diamond League trophy ahead of Kaki. In the 100 hurdles, LoLo Jones continued her recent slump and lost the diamond trophy to Canada's Priscilla Lopes-Schliep in the last race. The Canadian dominated from the start and set a time of 12.54 seconds, leaving Jones in fifth place with 12.78. □

## Key absences mark mountain-heavy Spanish Vuelta

By GUY HEDGE COE

Associated Press Writer

MADRID (AP)—The Spanish Vuelta begins Saturday with a handful of riders seeking to make the most of the absence of key rivals in a race that will heavily favor mountain specialists.

The 65th edition of the Vuelta opens with a night team time trial through the winding streets of Seville and ends 21 stages and 2,081 miles later in Madrid on Sept. 19.

Time trials take a back seat to climbing stages, however, and the 2010 race includes six mountaintop finishes, one more than in 2009. A stage ending at Pal ski station brings the Pyrenees back onto the route after being left out in 2009.

our de France winner and Madrid native Alberto Contador is the most glaring absentee, while last year's winner, Alejandro Valverde, will not race due to a two-year doping suspension.

And with Samuel Sanchez—last year's runner-up—also missing, the stage is set for a group of young talents and veteran racers to compete in the last major road race of the year.

Andy Schleck looks likely to make an impact after matching Contador

for almost the entire Tour de France, eventually finishing just 39 seconds behind the three-time champion. Schleck will ride in support of brother Frank, who has recovered from a broken collarbone in the Tour.

Andy put an upbeat message on his Twitter page, saying he feels in good shape and that his brother "is ready 4 Vuelta no doubt about that."

With only 37 miles of time trials, the route suits the climbing brothers from Luxembourg. Whether Andy has the legs to take on another major stage race so soon after the Tour is a doubt, however. Denis Menchov, a Vuelta veteran with titles in 2005 and '07, will be a favorite for a third after his third-place finish in Paris.

Carlos Sastre, the 2008 Tour champion, has twice finished runner-up and victory this year would be a remarkable achievement for a 35-year-old rider who is taking part in all three major races this year. Sastre finished eighth in the Giro d'Italia and 20th in this year's Tour.

"I'm not going to set myself any targets, I'm just going to fight," the Cerverlo rider told Spain's AS newspaper. "I'm going into (the race) with my feet on the ground and with respect for the three weeks ahead

of me."

Sastre sees Menchov as the pre-race favorite.

"He's won the race twice before and that's why I see him as the top contender," Sastre said. "You could say he's an 'intimate enemy' of mine—we've always had a good relationship on and off the bike."

Just days before the Vuelta was scheduled to begin, the Seville police force warned authorities that safety requirements need to be tightened up if the time trial through the city is to go ahead as planned.

The nocturnal time trial is one of several novelties the organizers have introduced to the race, including changing the color of the leader's jersey from gold to red. □

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**FILE** - In this July 13, 2010 file photo, Leonardo DiCaprio poses at the premiere of the film 'Inception' in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, file)

## Judge grants restraining order sought by DiCaprio

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY, AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Leonardo DiCaprio has been granted a temporary restraining against a woman he said claims to be his wife and carrying his baby.

Court records show Superior Court Judge Carol Boas Goodson granted the order Wednesday against Livia Bistriceanu, 41, of Chicago.

"Given this obsessive and harassing behavior, I am frightened of Ms. Bistriceanu and feel that my personal safety, and the personal safety of those around me, is in jeopardy," DiCaprio wrote in a sworn declaration.

An e-mail message sent Friday to Bistriceanu seeking comment was not immediately returned.

DiCaprio's request included statements from the actor and his security team claiming Bistriceanu had traveled from Chicago to Los Angeles at least twice to try to meet DiCaprio at his home and business office. She refused to leave the properties and acted aggressively, the court filings state.

The Academy Award-nominated actor wrote that she "has evidenced a willingness to make physical contact with me regardless of the consequences." □

# 'Dora The Explorer' may change a whole generation



In this undated publicity image released by Nickelodeon, the animated character Dora, from 'Dora The Explorer' is shown.

(AP Photo/Nickelodeon)

By SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS, AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — Don't underestimate her just because she's a little girl. "Dora The Explorer" is a multibillion-dollar franchise that may be creating a more enlightened generation, more open to different people and cultures not their own.

Ten years have passed since the Latina Dora became the first bilingual heroine of children's TV and conquered the hearts of kids around the world. Nickelodeon has celebrated the anniversary with a one-hour special that features the voices of Rosie Perez, John Leguizamo and Hector Elizondo, and a documentary with comments from Dora herself, the series' creators, experts from the industry, real-life kids and celebrities such as Salma Hayek and Shakira.

"I think that the fact that kids are identifying with a kid with darker color skin that speaks another language (shows they are more open)," said Chris Gifford, one of the show's creators and executive producers. "Kids want their

parents to read them the books and watch Dora with them. ... That's what it's about."

"Dora The Explorer" is seen today in 151 markets and is translated to 30 languages. In English-speaking countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Ireland, Dora teaches Spanish; in other markets — including the Hispanic U.S. markets — the adventurous little girl teaches English.

According to Nickelodeon, "Dora" has generated over \$11 billion in worldwide sales since 2002, having sold 65 million units of Fisher Price Dora the Explorer toys, 50 million books and over 20 million DVDs worldwide. In France, publishing house Albin Michel has sold more than 12 million educational Dora books since its launch — or one Dora book for every child in France, the network points out. Yet, the original idea for the show had nothing to do with a bilingual girl.

"She didn't start as a Latina or a heroine — she was a forest animal," said co-creator and

executive producer Valerie Walsh Valdes. "Nickelodeon actually asked us to consider making her a Latina because a recent study said that there were no positive bilingual characters on children's television."

So producers turned to such experts as historian Carlos E. Cortes, author of "The Children Are Watching" and "The Making—and Remaking — of a Multiculturalist."

"He was absolutely instrumental in helping us find the best way to put Dora forward in terms of culture," said Gifford. Cortes advised that Dora should always be inclusive, so producers decided not to give her a particular country of origin.

"I am delighted with the way 'Dora' has come out, particularly the impact it seems to be having in young people," said Cortes, professor emeritus of history at the University of California, Riverside. "The Latino kids take pride having Dora as a lead character and non-Latino kids can embrace someone different."

"I think that Dora has a very specific special relationship with kids at home, not necessarily for being bilingual but as a powerful character who invites kids on adventures," says Brown Johnson, president, Animation, Nickelodeon and MTVN Kids and Family Group. "Here, Spanish words open doors."

In "Dora The Explorer," the Latin flavor is present not only in the language and Dora's features but also in characters such as Isa the Iguana and Tico the Squirrel, scenes, themes and family values. The little star invites her young, preschool viewers to come with her on an adventure, where she usually faces a problem that she cannot resolve by herself.

Dora asks her audience to answer questions in an interactive show that includes silences that are long enough for viewers to suggest an answer. □



**FILE** - In this Aug. 14, 2008 file photo, Spanish singer Julio Iglesias performs during a concert at Cap Roig festival in Calella de Palafrugell, Spain.

(AP Photo/Manu Fernandez, file)

## Spanish singer Julio Iglesias marries in secret

MADRID — Spanish singer Julio Iglesias has married Dutch model Miranda Rijnsburger, his partner for the past 20 years.

The 66-year-old singer announced the marriage in a statement to Spanish newspapers.

The wedding took place at the Virgen del Carmen church in the southern jet-set resort of Marbella.

Rev. Roberto Rojo Aguado, one of three priests who celebrated the ceremony, told The Associated Press on Friday that the couple were married Tuesday.

He said the ceremony was attended by two witnesses and the couple's five children. Rijnsburger is 45. Iglesias was previously married to Isabel Preysler, with whom he had three children. □

# BUSINESS

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In this Feb. 5, 2007 file photo, a 2007 Toyota Corolla sedan and Matrix wagon sit on the lot at a Toyota dealership in the southeast Denver suburb of Centennial, Colo. Toyota said Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, it is recalling more than a million Corolla sedans and Matrix hatchbacks with engines that may stall.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski, file)

## Toyota recalls 1.33 million Corollas, Matrixes

By DAN STRUMPF,  
AP Auto Writer

NEW YORK — Toyota recalled 1.33 million Corolla sedans and Matrix hatchbacks in the U.S. and Canada Thursday because their engines may stall, the latest in a string of quality problems at the Japanese automaker.

The recall covers vehicles from the 2005-2008 model years sold in the U.S. and Canada. Three accidents and one minor injury have been reported, though Toyota said a link to the engine issue has not been confirmed.

Toyota's latest recall is one of its largest since it began recalling cars and trucks last October. The automaker has now recalled more than 10 million vehicles worldwide for problems that run from faulty gas pedals and floor mats that can trap accelerators, to problems with its Prius hybrid.

Toyota said Corollas and Matrixes equipped with 1ZZ-FE engines may contain a defective engine control module, the computer that regulates the performance of the engine. In some cases, a crack may develop on the module's circuit board, which could prevent the engine from starting or could cause harsh shifting or an engine stall.

Separately, General Motors Co. is recalling 200,000 Pontiac Vibe in North America due to the same problem, GM spokesman Alan Adler said. The Vibe is similar to the Matrix and was built under a joint venture between Toyota and GM at a now-closed factory in Fremont, Calif. Both automakers said they will replace the engine control modules on the recalled vehicles at no charge. The companies will begin mailing notifications to owners of the affected vehicles in mid-September.

The engine control module with the possible defect was manufactured by Delphi Corp., a large auto parts supplier headquartered in Troy, Mich., according to documents filed with federal regulators.

The automaker has been more aggressive in its pace of recalls in recent months. Its last recall was in late July, when the automaker said it would fix half a million cars, mostly Toyota Avalon sedans, over a steering issue. □

## Stocks gain as Bernanke, GDP reassure investors

By SETH SUTEL  
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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — The news on the economy wasn't great Friday, but it could have been worse. That was enough to send investors charging out of Treasuries and back into stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average and other market barometers all gained more than 1 percent after the government slashed its estimate for second-quarter economic growth, but not by quite as much as economists had expected.

Likewise, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said in a speech that while the economic recovery remains tentative, the central bank remains ready to take extra steps to stimulate the economy if needed. He also reaffirmed his view that the economy would grow next year.

"It could have been worse, and because it wasn't, that was good news," said Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist for RidgeWorth Investments, based in Richmond, Va. "Clearly the bar is being lowered for what constitutes good news these days."

The market had a brief scare in midmorning after Intel Corp. lowered its revenue estimate. There, too, the news wasn't as bad as it could have been. Intel's shares edged higher after resuming trading since the company's new forecast wasn't as bad as the worst estimates circulating among analysts.

On the economic front, the Commerce Department reported that gross domestic product grew at a 1.6 percent rate in the April-to-June period. That's still way down from its earlier estimate of



Michael Pistillo, Jr., left, with Barclays Capital, shouts out opening stock prices at the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Aug. 27, 2010.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

2.4 percent but not as bad as the 1.4 percent expected by economists.

"These are terrible numbers," Kim Caughey, equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group in Pittsburgh, said. "But they weren't frighteningly horrible."

Yields on Treasuries, which help set interest rates on loans like mortgages, rose sharply as their prices fell. That could put upward pressure on mortgage rates, which are still at historic lows.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 152.65, or 1.5 percent, to 10,138.65 in afternoon trading. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index rose 15.82, or 1.5 percent, to 1,063.04 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 33.09, or 1.6 percent, to 2,151.78.

Rising stocks outnumbered falling ones five to one on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 760 million shares.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.64 percent, well above the 2.50 percent it was trading at before the GDP numbers came out. Its price fell \$1.375 to \$99.844. The Dow closed below 10,000 Thursday, the first time since

early July that it finished under that milestone. Investors have been generally pessimistic about the economy in the past few weeks, but stock moves have also been skewed because many traders are on vacation.

The upturn in stocks on Friday marked an improvement in sentiment from much of August. Stocks have been mainly falling since Aug. 9 on a series of weak indicators on the economy, including weak home sales figures.

Bernanke, who was giving a speech at the central bank's annual conference, repeated his assessment that the U.S. economic recovery remains fragile, but he didn't downgrade his already cautious view. Investors have been on edge about the economy in recent weeks, and some fear that in the worst case, the U.S. economy could slip back into recession, something economists call a "double-dip."

"The market had been bracing for Bernanke to say that a double-dip is imminent or at least he would downgrade the economy," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential Financial. □

# HEALTH

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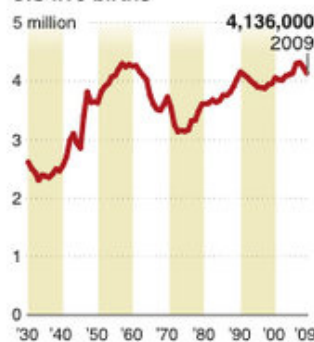


# Recession may have pushed US birth rate to new low

## Baby bust

The number of U.S. births has dropped for the second year in a row, and experts think the recession led many people to delay or forgo having children.

### U.S. live births



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

Graphic shows number of births in the U.S. since 1930.

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE, AP Medical Writer

The U.S. birth rate has dropped for the second year in a row, and experts think the wrenching recession led many people to put off having children. The 2009 birth rate also set a record: lowest in a century.

Births fell 2.6 percent last year

even as the population grew, numbers released Friday by the National Center for Health Statistics show.

"It's a good-sized decline for one year. Every month is showing a decline from the year before," said Stephanie Ventura, the demographer who oversaw the report.

The birth rate, which takes into account changes in the population, fell to 13.5 births for every 1,000 people last year. That's down from 14.3 in 2007 and way down from 30 in 1909, when it was common for people to have big families.

"It doesn't matter how you look at it — fertility has declined," Ventura said.

The situation is a striking turnaround from 2007, when more babies were born in the United States than any other year in the nation's history. The recession began that fall, dragging stocks, jobs and births down.

"When the economy is bad and people are uncomfortable about their financial future, they tend to postpone having

children. We saw that in the Great Depression the 1930s and we're seeing that in the Great Recession today," said Andrew Cherlin, a sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University. "It could take a few years to turn this around," he added, noting that the birth rate stayed low throughout the 1930s. Another possible factor in the drop: a decline in immigration to the United States. The downward trend invites worrisome comparisons to Japan and its lost decade of choked growth in the 1990s and very low birth rates. Births in Japan fell 2 percent in 2009 after a slight rise in 2008, its government has said.

Not so in Britain, where the population took its biggest jump in almost half a century last year and the fertility rate is at its highest level since 1973. France's birth rate also has been rising; Germany's birth rate is lower but rising as well.

"Our birth rate is still higher than the birth rate in many wealthy countries and we also

have many immigrants entering the country. So we do not need to be worried yet about a birth dearth" that would crimp the nation's ability to take care of its growing elderly population, Cherlin said.

The new U.S. report is a rough count of births from states. It estimates there were 4,136,000 births in 2009, down from a year ago's estimate of 4,247,000 in 2008 and more than 4.3 million in 2007.

The report does not give details on trends in different age groups. That will come next spring and will give a clearer picture who is and is not having children, Ventura said. Last spring's report, on births in 2008, showed an overall drop but a surprising rise in births to women over 40, who may have felt they were running out of time to have children and didn't want to delay despite the bad economy. Women postponing having children because of careers also may find they have trouble conceiving, said Mark Mather of the Population Reference

Bureau, a Washington-based demographic research group.

"For some of those women, they're going to find themselves in their mid-40s where it's going to be hard to have the number of children they want," he said.

Heather Atherton is nearing that mark. The Sacramento, Calif., mom, who turns 36 next month, started a home-based public relations business after having a baby girl in 2003. She and her husband upgraded to a larger home in 2005 and planned on having a second child not long afterward. Then the recession hit, drying up her husband's sales commissions and leaving them owing more on their home than it is worth. A second child seemed too risky financially.

"However, we just recently decided that it's time to stop waiting and just go for it early next year and let the chips fall where they may," she said. "We can't allow the recession to dictate the size of our family. We just need to move forward with our lives." □

# Kids + Sports = Risk for Concussion

By Dennis Thompson

Your child takes a hard hit during a football game. Or a nasty fall caused by a failed cheerleading stunt.

The youngster gets right back up but stumbles around a bit and seems to be only dimly aware of his or her surroundings.

A worried teammate tries to converse, but you can tell from the sidelines that your child is having a hard time understanding what's being said and appears sluggish, dazed and confused.

Chances are that the child sustained a concussion. And if parents and coaches don't know how to recognize the signs and pursue prompt treatment, the child could be at increased risk for a severe brain injury, with lifelong consequences.

"If a concussion goes undiagnosed, it can increase the risk of re-injury," explained Dr. Paul Gubanich, an orthopedic specialist in the Center for Sports Health and the orthopedic surgery department at the Cleveland Clinic. "We know repeated head injuries can lead to chronic changes in the brain. Athletes who go back to play before they are fully recovered

are at risk for having worse symptoms and more prolonged injuries."

A concussion occurs when the brain sloshes around inside the skull because of a blow to the head. The brain is cushioned against minor head trauma -- think a slight bump on the noggin -- by spinal fluid that surrounds it inside the skull. But a heavy impact can actually cause the brain to smack into the bone of the skull, causing bruising of the brain, torn blood vessels and nerve damage.

Because they are still developing, children and teens are more likely to have a concussion than adults, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It also takes youngsters much longer to recuperate.

Each year, emergency rooms in the United States treat an estimated 135,000 youths 5 to 18 years old for sports- and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries, according to the CDC. Concussion causes the vast majority of those injuries.

But don't think that those concussions were all due to contact sports. Football and soccer injuries

are common, but other activities associated with traumatic brain injuries include bicycling and playground activities, the CDC reports.

Even cheerleading, with its increased emphasis on wild stunts, has become a rising cause of concussion. "I've seen a lot of them getting a concussion from someone not catching them during a stunt or from a misstep taken during a tumble," said Dr. Robert Agee Jr., a sports medicine physician at Lemak Sports Medicine & Orthopedics in Birmingham, Ala., and a spokesman for the National Center for Sports Safety.

Concussions can be tough to detect. There are no outward signs of concussion, and symptoms, which sometimes appear right away, can also be delayed for days after the injury. Even doctors struggle to detect concussions because normal brain scans, including MRIs and CT scans, cannot pick them up with any degree of certainty, Agee said.

"You can't see a concussion. You can't feel it," Agee said. "You just know it from symptoms and how the person's brain is processing information." □

# Doctors look for orange-size lump, find 56-pounder

By VICENTE L. PANETTA,

Associated Press Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina – Doctors were shocked when they looked into a woman's uterus searching for an orange-size tumor but found something that resembled a giant rock instead.

Surgeons ended up removing a 56-pound (23-kilogram) tumor from the 54-year-old woman. It was 19 inches (50 centimeters) across.

"At first sight, one could see it was going to be a big tumor, but not that big," said Dr. Oscar Lopez, leader of the surgical team that operated on the woman at Gandulfo Hospital in the city of Lomas de Zamora.

"We were totally shocked," Lopez added Thursday in discussing the procedure that was conducted earlier this year. Stunning perhaps, but not the biggest. News stories and medical reports say that was a 303-pound (137.6-kilogram) ovarian cyst removed in 1991 in California, and other growths exceeding 100 pounds (45.5 kilograms) have been reported.

A biopsy determined the growth removed at Gandulfo Hospital was a sarcoma, a malignant tumor, and the patient is being monitored by doctors after spending five days in the hospital following the surgery.

The woman, a housewife, who prefers to remain anonymous, weighed 343 pounds (140 kilograms) at the time of the surgery, which lasted four hours and involved eight surgeons — about double the time and staff usually needed.

Lopez said the woman had felt a constant growth in her abdomen for a year and a half, but just thought she was gaining weight.

Finally, she consulted doctors and it was determined she needed surgery, and the tumor was removed a couple of months ago, he said.

Lopez said that before removing tumors, surgeons generally puncture a growth in various places to remove liquid, but in this case the tumor remained solid.

"We thought the tumor could be reduced to an orange's size, but it was totally solid," he said. □

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# Can South Africa keep tapping World Cup spirit?

By John Hughes

In 2007, the US State Department asked me to go to South Africa to meet with leading newspaper editors. With the 2010 World Cup looming, they wanted to hear the experience of an editor who had managed coverage of a major sports event, as I had in Salt Lake City with the 2002 Winter Olympics.

It helped that I had some knowledge of South Africa. I began my journalistic career

in that country. Years later, The Christian Science Monitor based me there for six years as its Africa correspondent.

Remarkable improvements When I visited in 2007, I found a country drastically changed from the one I had known in the days of racial segregation and apartheid, when a white minority basically suppressed the black majority.

White-only government had been supplanted by the black-majority government of the African National Congress. There was upward mobility for black Africans in government, commerce, and journalism.

And then-President Thabo Mbeki was continuing to preach goodwill and partnership between the races, following the model set by his predecessor, Nelson Mandela, who emerged unembittered after 27 years in prison.

But it was also a country with dangerous levels of crime, and unfulfilled expectations of millions of blacks still living in shanty towns. Black and white newspaper editors and TV directors expressed concern that the infrastructure needed to handle hundreds of thousands of World Cup visitors could not be ready by 2010. Airports needed to be remodeled, hotels built, rail lines laid, ambitious stadiums constructed in different cities. There were questions as to whether huge, crowded multiracial gatherings of blacks and whites could take place without violence. (There was concern, too, that the government would exert subtle pressure on media outlets to produce only "happy journalism" and downplay the problems.)

As we learned in 2010, the fears proved groundless. With more than \$5 billion spent on preparations, the facilities were more than adequate. Transportation and lodging were abundant. Crime at the various venues was controlled. International TV showed cheering multiracial crowds

in fabulous stadiums, against backgrounds of stunning South African scenery. It was a splendid coming-out for the new South Africa.

A model for the continent? With the festivities over, the question now is whether the government can make a serious dent in urban crime, tackle corruption, lessen poverty, and shape South Africa as a model for a continent wracked by economic and political problems. As David Fanning, a white South African and retired editor and columnist for one of the country's major newspapers, puts it: "We need to capture some of the wonderful patriotic spirit and bottle it for future use.... It is time to ask why sport seems able to bring the nation together. Why are there such huge national differences when it comes to issues like race, politics, and economics?"

South Africa's challenges are compounded by the presence of several million, often-illegal, refugees from elsewhere in Africa, especially Zimbabwe. Though South Africa has its own poor, its economy is the largest in Africa and thus attracts the dispossessed from elsewhere on the continent.

Although South Africa expressed a certain pan-African loyalty during the World Cup, cheering on Ghana when the South African team was eliminated, that does not preclude tension and sometimes violence between individual black South Africans and arrivals from other African countries competing for jobs. Fresh concern about terrorism Another potentially worrisome development for South Africa is the intrusion of Al Qaeda-style terrorism, until now confined to the continent's Muslim north, into black southern Africa, specifically Uganda.

On July 11, the militant Islamic group Al Shabab killed 74 soccer fans watching the World Cup final on television in Uganda's capital, Kampala □

## Lost and Found: Preparing Workers for New Careers

Hilda Solis

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, I traveled there with other members of Congress. We flew in helicopters to survey entire neighborhoods submerged in dirty water. Those neighborhoods not underwater were abandoned. We toured the 9th Ward and saw the broken levees. Trash was everywhere. We visited hospitals jammed to over-capacity and in chaos. We met with students at a local public school.

I knew then that we would have a lot of work to do to restore the community's trust, respect and confidence in government. When I returned home to Los Angeles, I donated cleaning supplies and clothing to displaced hurricane victims. A small gesture, but I hoped to encourage others to do whatever they could to help, no matter what that was. During the visit, I was often at a loss for words... because the only word that kept coming to my head was "loss" -- loss of life, loss of homes, loss of jobs, loss of contact, loss of hope.

The loss of community was something I felt immediately, and something I feared would continue long after the camera crews left. Those fears turned into reality: approximately 1.5 million residents left Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama after Katrina. Only 73 percent returned within a year.

Those who did come back returned to communities that — despite a culture of perseverance — faced tremendous challenges. Families returned home to literally pick up the pieces. Employers returned to businesses without employees or customers. And for many, the jobs local workers once held did not return with them.

Over the last five years, the U.S. Department of Labor has mobilized incredible resources to help workers in this area get the training

and education they need to rebuild their communities, their livelihoods and their lives. Through a number of National Emergency Grants, the Department was able to assist workers affected by layoffs and help fund the cleanup. Our Career OneStop centers were then — and remain now, in the aftermath of the BP oil spill — an invaluable resource for those looking to return to work.

Recently, through the Recovery Act, we were able to invest more than \$55 million in Louisiana alone.

This money went directly to fund training and education programs that we know work. As a part of ongoing efforts related to the Workforce Investment Act, 85 percent of dislocated workers who complete a Department of Labor-sponsored program find a job within a year.

Not only is the Department of Labor helping to ease the transition from lost jobs to new jobs, we are also preparing workers for in-demand careers in high-growth industries. We've invested more than \$9 million in community organizations throughout Louisiana to help prepare workers for employment in high-growth sectors such as transportation and health care.

True, some jobs that have been lost aren't coming back. But new businesses, processes and jobs are surfacing to take their place, and I want to make sure that all workers have the skills and experience they need to compete for and succeed in those jobs.

Five years ago, I went to New Orleans as a member of Congress to survey Katrina's destruction. I returned there a few months ago, as the U.S. Secretary of Labor, to get a firsthand look at the oil spill cleanup. I've come to realize that the story of New Orleans isn't about loss. At its heart, it is a story of how people find the will to succeed. □

# Venezolano Chávez desmiente rumores que padecería cáncer

CARACAS (Reuters) - El presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, descartó el jueves los rumores que circularon por varios portales de internet y medios locales, que indicaban estaría afectado por un cáncer de "pólipos paranasales". Las especulaciones surgidas esta semana, aseguraban que el mandatario socialista estaría recibiendo tratamiento oncológico y reclamaban que la información fuera confirmada por los voceros oficiales.

No obstante, Chávez desmintió las versiones y las catalogó como rumores creados por sus adversarios políticos.

"Los escuálidos quieren matarme. Ahora están inventando que tengo cáncer, que me estoy muriendo. Eso es lo que ellos quieren", dijo el mandatario en un acto de graduación de médicos entrenados en Cuba.

El presidente de Paraguay, Fernando Lugo, fue diagnosticado recientemente con un cáncer linfático que sus médicos aseguran es latamente curable y se

encuentra recibiendo tratamiento en Brasil.

Además la candidata a la presidencia de Brasil, Dilma Rousseff dijo hace semanas que obtuvo resultados positivos de un último chequeo médico que buscaba descartar la remanencia de un cáncer que sufrió el año pasado.

Chávez, conocido por sus maratónicos discursos y sus frecuentes apariciones en televisión, ha bajado el ritmo de sus alocuciones y de hecho no participó en el acto de inicio de la campaña para los cruciales comicios legislativos del próximo 26 de septiembre, efectuado el miércoles.

Luego se supo que el presidente había volado a Cuba para mantener una reunión con su mentor político, el ex presidente Fidel Castro.

El líder de una autoproclamada revolución socialista destacó la vitalidad de su aliado cubano y dijo que lo había encontrado "endemoniadamente bien" de salud, a sus 84 años. □



El presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, hablando durante una reunión con doctores socialistas en Caracas. Ago 27 2010 REUTERS/Miraflores Palace/Handout

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